IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1 and 15 by rewriting the same as follows:



--1. (Amended) Apparatus for reproducing digital video signals from a magnetic tape, wherein a frame of digital video signals had been reported in 2m tracks (m is an integer greater than 1) when said magnetic tape was transported at a first speed, comprising:

a pair of rotary heads having respectively different azimuth angles for scanning traces across said magnetic tape, said traces substantially coinciding with said tracks when said magnetic tape is transported at said first speed; and

a tape transporter for transporting said magnetic tape at a second speed equal to $(m \times n \pm 1)$ times said first speed, where n is an integer other than zero, and 1 has a predetermined value depending upon the [configuration] <u>arrangement</u> of the heads <u>relative to each other</u>.



15. (Amended) Apparatus for reproducing digital video signals from a magnetic tape, wherein a frame of digital video signals had been recorded in 2 m tracks (m is an integer greater than 1) when said magnetic tape was transported at a recording speed, each frame having been divided into blocks of picture elements, said apparatus exhibiting a data read-out and comprising: